Yankee Air MUSEUM

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

What's happening in and about the YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Celebrating 30 years 1981-2011

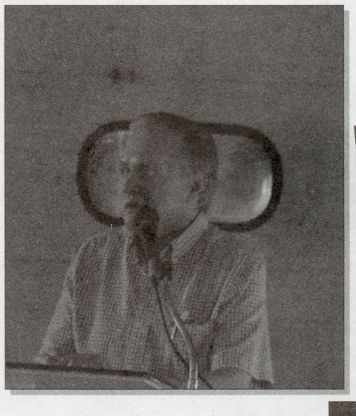
CELEBRATING OUR 30TH YEAR! JULY 2011

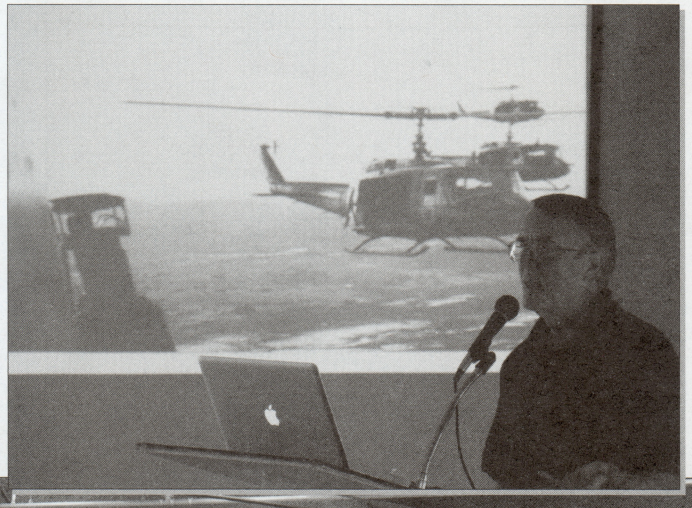
Huey Dedication May 21st

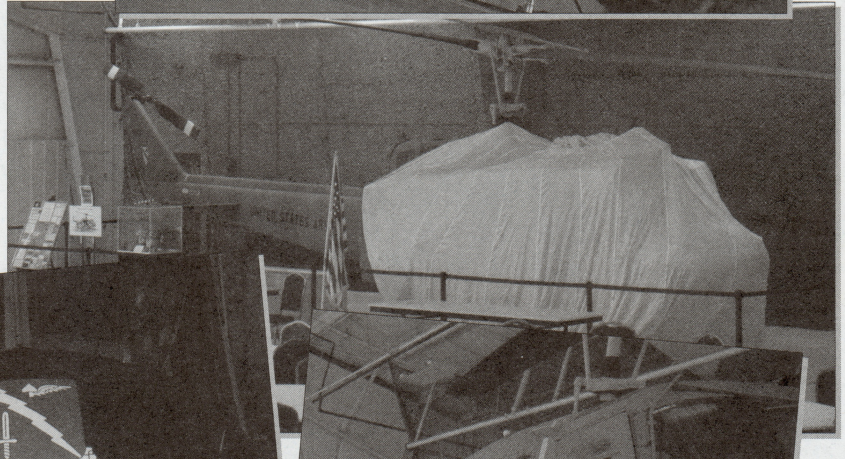
The unveiling of the Huey, with the unit markings on it that Yankee's Jerry Towler and *Chickenhawk* author Bob Mason flew in Vietnam was a very moving experience. If you have seen the movie, *We Were Soldiers Once … and Young*, based on the book of the same name by Lt Gen Harold G. Moore (ret) and Joseph L. Galloway, Jerry and Bob served in the Air Cav helicopter unit that supported the ground troops in that battle.

If you have not read Mason's book, the Museum store has a limited number of signed copies. It was on the best seller list and got excellent reviews for its realistic portrayal of a helicopter pilot's life in Vietnam.

Your membership and support of Yankee Air Museum help make possible important events and programs such as this salute to the Huey and Vietnam Veterans. Welcome home.







Above: Jerry Towler

Photos, clockwise from top right: Bob Mason; Huey shrouded, prior to unveiling; Jerry Towler, VVA Chapt 310 Pres. Bob Kwiecinski, and Bob Mason; Bob and Jerry signing books.

Photos by Al Hudson

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General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Members FREE, non-members $5

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Tuesday of months below - 3:00 PM
December, March, June, Sept

Board Meeting
2nd Thursday of Month - 7:00 PM

YAM Dispatch Riders Meeting
3rd Saturday of Month—10:00 AM

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

1 July 1941	A USAAC Ferry Command B-24A flew inaugural Trans-Atlantic flight.
2 July 1986	Yankee B-17 arrives at Willow Run, flown by Bill Wall and Dick Bodycombe using special ferry permit. Restoration begins.
4 July 1942	First B-17 arrived in England.
8 July 1943	8th AF Surgeon, Col. M. G. Grow, received *Legion of Merit* for developing flak vest.
9 July 1943	389th BG, detailed to North Africa, flew its first combat mission in B-24s.
10 July 1965	First USAF Vietnam War victories: two F-4Cs down two MiG-17s.
11 July 1995	B-17, now christened *Yankee Lady*, makes first flight after nine-year restoration.
11 July 1955	First United States Air Force Academy class sworn in.
17 July 1989	First flight of the B-2 Stealth Bomber.
20 July 1969	Astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin make first walk on Earth's moon.
21 July 1946	First carrier landing of jet-powered aircraft, an FH-1 Phantom aboard the *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt*.
21 July 1961	Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom first USAF astronaut in space.
21 July-15 Aug 1944	Battle of Guam, Mariana Islands.
22 July 1933	First solo flight around the world completed in 7 days by Wiley Post in single-engine Lockheed Vega.
27 July 1953	Fighting ends and truce signed in Korea.
30 July 1945	*USS Indianapolis*, after being torpedoed between Tinian and Guam, is lost. Just days before she had delivered "Little Man", the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, to Tinian

June 50/50 was won by **John Marker** (restoration) who donated his winnings to the Hangar fund. **Nancy Lockwood** won a DVD donated by very interesting guest speaker Ric Mixter, and **Steve Guenther** won a $25 gift certificate to the Museum Store

To contact Hangar Happening's
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AUGUST 2011 ISSUE DEADLINE IS JULY 2ND DUE TO THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY

Executive Director Report - Randy Hotton

This month's Executive Director's Report comes as we approach what has become the high light of Yankee Air Museum's summer activity. That is of course the return of the Blue Angels and our premier air show, THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN™. We are looking forward to a great show. All three Yankee airplanes are now safely hangared at Detroit Metro Airport. Our number one goal still remains getting a hangar here at Willow Run Airport. We continue to have meetings with the Wayne County Airport Authority and believe we've made headway in resolving some of these issues. On top of this we continue to move toward fulfillment of our 2011 goals set at our January off-site meeting.

Top four 2011 Goals

1. Enhance the visitor Experience with major improvement No Later Than (NLT) Dec 31st, one per quarter.
   - The collection's and display committee has started making changes in the layout of the high bay area. Now that the steel cages in the Southwest corner have been removed, the banner displays telling the Willow Run Story are again available for public viewing.
   - The Link Trainer has been moved into the area with the other simulators. The picture backdrop makes a great impression to the visitors. The team plans on getting mannequins to place in the Link and at the Instructor's table to further animate the display.
   - B-24 assembly pictures have been added to the wall of the Retail Shop
   - Work is progressing on USA Jet DC-9 simulator and headway is being made on solving the problems associated with animating this simulator to enhance the visitor experience
   - The display cases given to us by "The Henry Ford" now have settings covering Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, Charles Lindbergh and future displays covering women in aviation.
2. Hire a Development Director NLT April 30th, this goal has been achieved and she has hit the ground running.
   - Work has started on our Fall Gala for Oct 8, 2011
   - Our "Donor Perfect" software is up and running and we are starting to compile data on who supports the Yankee Air Museum, this will allow us to develop a fund raising campaign.
   - We have held meetings to establish what the future of the Yankee Air Museum will look like. We then conducted surveys and used these to outline our strategy as a museum moving forward.
3. Further develop Web Site to pursue E Commerce
   - Hangar Happenings is now available on line in color on our Yankee Air Museum web site.
   - Mike Hudson is looking to keep our Web site updated with fresh material and is looking for input from all departments on what is going on in their areas.
4. We continue to work on defining our Marketing and Public Relations roles, We had a meeting with Herb Gillen last month. We looked at a general museum information brochure which will be used at the visitor centers found on the expressways as you enter the State of Michigan.

The staff set the following as sub goals for the Museum without completion dates.
Membership: We had a great recruiting month in April and continue to add to our membership roles in May.

The flyable aircraft season got off to a bad start as thunderstorms wiped out our scheduled FLEX rides in late May. But a bang up tour of Long Island, New York and Reading, Pennsylvania again the showed the strength of our flyable aircraft programs. To keep these airplanes flying when one of the pilots needed relief, Ray Hunter and I jumped over to New York to keep the B-17 flying. The museum is blessed to have a dedicated team of mechanics and pilots to keep these "birds" flying.

We are in the process of becoming a Smithsonian Institute affiliated museum. The paperwork was submitted last month. This will be an enormous endorsement of our direction and gives us access to the national network of museum support.

General Membership Meetings:
Again, those who do not attend our General Membership Meeting are missing a great evening. In June we had a good turnout of nearly 50 people to hear "Bombs Away" The story of military aviation in the State of Michigan.
There was a 50/50 pot of $100, Please come join us for the programs scheduled.

Jul: Dave Steiner and the P-38 reunion at the California Capitol Airshow 2010
Aug: Ray Hunter will give an encore presentation on USAF Helicopter operations in Vietnam
Sep: Sandra O'Connell, Author, *An American Family in World War II*, will present a B-17 pilot's letters home
Oct: "Bent Prop" update on search for wrecks in the South Pacific from Flip Colmer
Nov: Bob Coolbaugh and the story of the Navy's first airplane the Curtis Pusher flown in 1911. *(a reproduction is on the list of aircraft scheduled to appear at THUNDER)*

NEW PRR on Web Page

The finance committee has developed a new purchase/reimbursement requisition form. It is posted on the Yankee HQ internal web page where you can download it. Department heads are familiar with PRR procedures and rules, and those have not changed.

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Have A Yankee Story from Our First 30 Years?

If you have an interesting and/or humorous story you'd like to share at the Yankee Air Museum 30th Birthday **GALA**, take a few minutes to write it down and submit it for consideration for presentation at the party this fall, or perhaps printing in HH.
Send to hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org

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Dr. Hott will be working the A-Team during the air show. Thanks Bob!

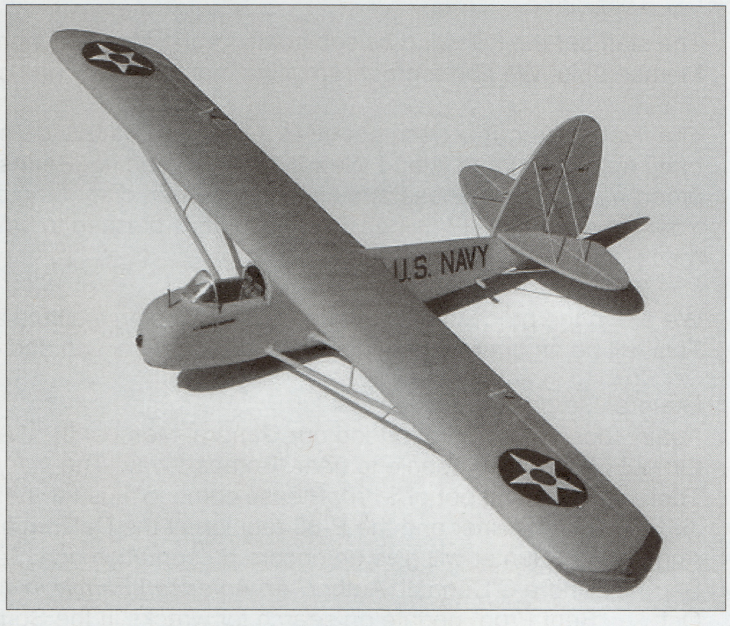
There are a few seats available for the most awesome C-47 trip of the year; The Wood, Fabric & Tail-dragger fly-in to 64I.

See page 13 for details and check out the web site ww.leebottom.com. 2010 was to be the last year for this event but Ginger and Rich Davidson got more help so it will continue to celebrate the Golden Age of Avia-

Coming Soon To YOUR Museum
Franklin PS-2 Glider

The Franklin PS-2 glider that is to be on permanent loan to YAM arrived in mid June. It will be suspended from the ceiling of the high bay, easily done as it weighs less than 300 lbs. The factory in Ypsilanti where 57 of the aircraft (including this loaner) were manufactured between 1930 and 1934 is still there, now being used as a school bus garage.

This loan was the result of Ray Hunter talking to the head of the National Soaring Museum www.nationalsoaringmuseum.org at the Mutual Concerns Conference. Google PS-2 glider to find out more about this "local" aircraft. Photo below is of a PS-2 scale model in Navy livery, taken off the internet.



ATTENTION GOLFERS

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
GOLF WAR 2011
18 HOLE SCRAMBLE & FUND RAISER

Help raise money for the **Yankee Air Museum**

September 27th 11 am shotgun start

Selfridge ANGB, Mt Clemens, MI

Last year we had A-10s, Chinooks and C-130's doing fly-overs!

Team up with the ANG & YAM for a Great Day

Support and/or join a lot of just *plane* crazy golfers

Entry Fee per player *◇ - $75 by Sept 9th , $85 at door including dinner

Make checks payable to Yankee Air Museum, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590

Player names must be submitted by Sept 20th to be on base security list

No problem assigning you to a team if you don't have one

Proof of insurance, Driver's license and Current Vehicle Registration required to drive on base

Coffee & donuts at the start, dog, chips and pop at the turn

Sponsorship opportunities

Event/hole sponsorships $100

Special **GOLF WAR** trophy with winners' names *immortalized* on affixed Dog Tag

Grand Prize drawing - a ride in the *Yankee Lady* B-17

◇ Only entry fees received/postmarked by Sept 9th will be entered into the bomber ride drawing

Information: (734) 645-1150 or (734) 483-4030 ext 247, leave a message for Dave Steiner or email dsteiner@blackmoreco.com

* all but $36 is tax deductible - Yankee Air Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

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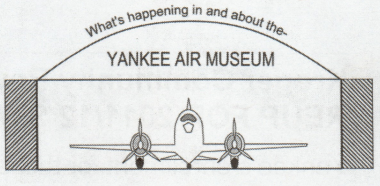
Team Drano Will Defend Golf War Title

The 2011 Yankee Air Museum GOLF WAR will be held in September 27th at Selfridge ANGB.

Sponsors and players are needed. You need not be a low handicapper or even have a golf handicap to play in this event. It is a best ball scramble, so just come out to have fun and play a course the public isn't normally allowed on. Good meal too!

Grand prize drawing for the event is a ride in the B-17. How many golf outings give you that opportunity!

For more information about this event contact Dave Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com, or call (800) 874-8660.



Speaking of Selfridge, Yankee Executive Director **Randy Hotton** will be in the cockpit of the Lockheed P-3 Orion submarine hunter, the type he flew as a Naval Aviator, at the Selfridge Airpark Museum. The former squadron members of VP 93, now disestablished, help maintain and staff the plane for tours. VP 93 home page is http://home.neo.rr.com/vp93/ or link to it and get more information about the Selfridge Museum from www.selfridgeairmuseum.org

Security requires driver's license, registration and proof of insurance for your vehicle to get on the base.

Modest admission is charged for the museum/airpark. Get a personal tour from Randy on these Sunday afternoon dates.

- July 17
- August 7
- September 4
- October 16 & 30

First Navy Aircraft

This Navy A-1 Triad, a replica of the first Curtiss pusher in the Navy inventory will be at THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN™. The pilot, Bob Coolbaugh, will be speaking at the Yankee membership meeting in November. Photo by Randy Hotton at MAAM WWII weekend.

Yankee Dog Tag Report for RDG

The Dog Tag Team at Reading, PA did $1789 net for the weekend, the silencers at $1 each helping to boost the bottom line by several hundred bucks. Maybe this year the $12k target will be achieved!

If you'd like to become a member of the Dog Tag and Retail team and be eligible to be chosen for air show trips, get in contact with Steve Hopper in retail, www.retail@yankeeairmuseum.org . Interested candidates will be contacted by Steve for DT school. Then put in an app for a show crew.

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FOR 2011/2012

PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE !

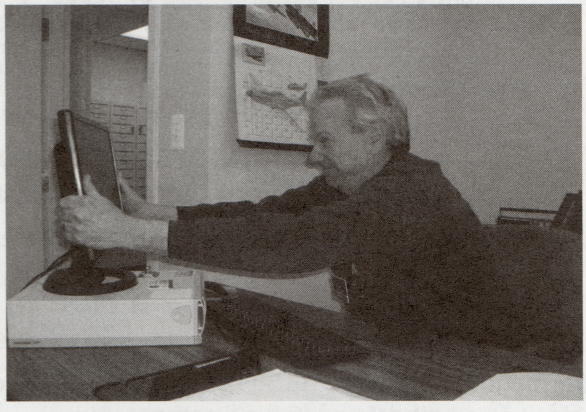
Kroger Community Rewards: YOU MUST REUP FOR 2011/12 STARTING APRIL 2011

Yankee's enrollment for the last year ended on April 30, 2011 so **you must re-enroll** for the period May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. **This may be done anytime after April 1, 2011 but now must be done online.**

Enroll at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Have your Kroger Plus Card number ready (the twelve numbers below the barcode) if you already have one. You will also need an email address and you must enter a password of your choice. If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card you can get one immediately at your local Kroger service desk. The Yankee Air Museum registered number is 83614, but Yankee will be on a pull-down list on the registration site.

This program is for Kroger shoppers in Michigan only. Just make sure you have a Kroger card registered to Yankee Air Museum. **Any friend of Yankee can register.**

The Membership Department needs help!

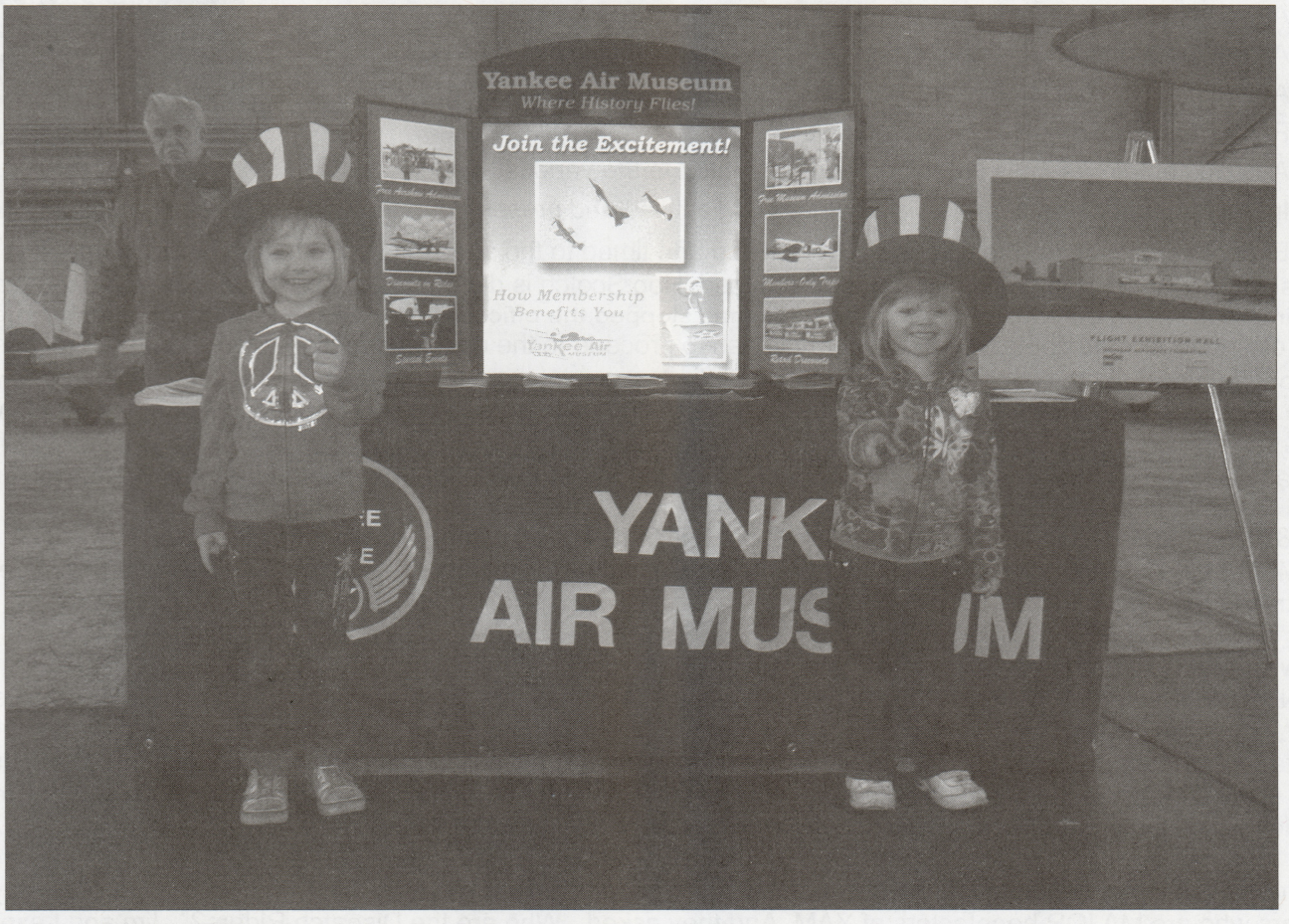


Well other than the obvious……..

The Membership Department needs an able volunteer to maintain our Membership records, enter new and renewal Membership information and assist with mailings. You must be a current Member, comfortable working with computers and confidential information and periodically be able to help Jim control his computer frustrations.

For more information, please contact jim.race@yankeeairmuseum.org or jerace@talkamerica.net.

Jillian and Aurora are giving YOU one last chance !



Become a Yankee Star! Sign up a new Member of the Yankee Air Museum by July 4 and you will receive a free ticket to THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN™.

Sign up two new Members and you will receive two free tickets.

(All Members will continue to receive a free admission ticket to Thunder Over Michigan.)

Besides, if YOU don't sign them up, "*someone else*" will.

Volunteer Orientations

Interested in volunteering? The next volunteer orientation sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, August 9 and Saturday, August 13.

Orientation sessions are subject to cancellation. If you are interested in attending be sure to email us at volunteers@yankeeairmuseum.org. for details and confirmation.

Behind the Scenes with the Dispatch Riders - Larry Amprin

In 2010 the Thunder Motorcycle ride went off without a hitch on both days. What was not apparent was the time spent planning the event. Examples are route planning and traffic control, and this will be explained as follows.

- A registration process is created and a check in plan is established
- An estimate of participants is created
- A preliminary route is identified
- Police agencies are requited
- A "road captain" team is organized and presented to the various agencies
- Impact on traffic and commercial business is identified and presented to the various police agencies
- Every intersection and rail crossing is identified and timed to the speed limit and length of the motorcycle procession. A plan to "hop scotch" traffic is determined. Hop Scotch is defined as the police officer stops and blocks the intersection on the route and after the traffic has stopped the officer turns over the task of keeping the intersection closed to a "road captain". The officer now has to proceed to the next intersection and repeat the process; this is done by passing the procession on their left side to the next intersection. Remember the left side is in the wrong lane. Now comes parking, the Dispatch Riders have parking directors to quickly park the bikes at the air show.

In early December 2010 the developers of the Red White and Blue ride for 2011 tested a route from Farmington Hills to the west side of Willow Run. Aboard Richard Gill's Ford Excursion was a team for the first trial run for RW&Blue Thunder Ride. The group consisted of Motor City Harley-Greg, YAM events director-Tracy Frink, YAMDR-Lee, Bob and Sue and Larry. After 2 hours we had a preliminary route and time. This effort will forever be known as "Driving Miss Tracy".

Now for events that we at YAMDR take very seriously.

In November at the VFW Brest Road, Taylor Michigan, we participated in the Thanksgiving dinner for 70 plus WW II through Desert Storm veterans and their families. We helped to move and feed these great heroes, and presented them with gift bags. For several days after this event it is difficult to sleep with the images but, how could one enjoy a nights rest without doing something like this? Seeing our members participate in an endeavor like this made me "bust my buttons" on my vest. Dispatch Riders and WJWR, "'Job well done".

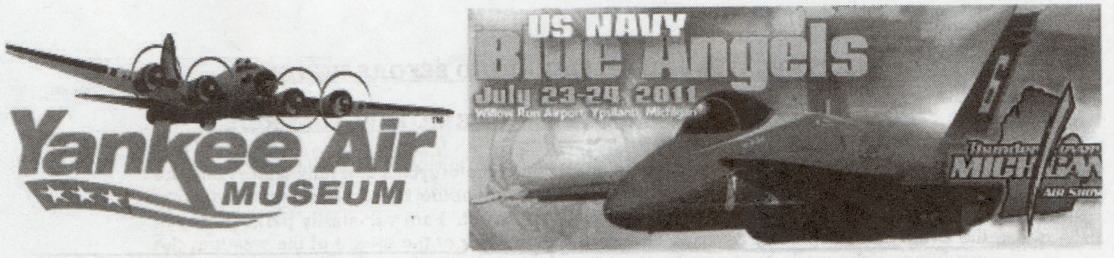
At the dedication of our Robertson Education Center, your author and member Jim Frind were approached by two sisters who are MAJOR benefactors of YAM. And they asked; "Who are the Dispatch Riders?" Jim and I explained our role and we were pleased to learn that these delightful sisters have a family member who is challenged and "lives for" the motorcyclers to come to their camp and ride the kids around for the entire weekend.

Ms. M and S wanted to do something during Thunder 2010 and they offered to sponsor a ride for 3 of the veterans attending their reunion during the Air Show weekend. The YAMDR contacted Kevin Walsh who interfaced with the reunion committee who selected the men and on the Friday before Thunder, Ms M & S, Jim and I watched as 3 veterans who were the only survivors of a B-17 raid on Berlin begin their ride on our Yankee Lady. We listened as one of the departing riders said "I struggled to board the Fortress as an arthritic 90 year old and departed as a 20 year old kid again".

On November 11, 2010 a drawing was held for the 2010 YAMDR quilt the honors belonging to Celeste, Dave DiMaria's right hand lady who drew the winning ticket. Thank heaven there were many witnesses as she drew the ticket belonging to Marv Bopre who was standing in front of her. Marv is one of the founding members of the Dispatch Riders and a long time friend of Richard Gill, the husband of the late Beverly Gill, to whom this years quilt was dedicated.

At the last Red White and Blue development meeting Marv was carrying a Harley Davidson shopping bag and after the meeting ended he pushed the bag across the table to Richard and said" Merry Christmas". Richard appeared puzzled since this event did not include gift exchanges. He carefully opened the package and there in all its glory was the Beverly Ann Gill Thunder Quilt.

It's not a motorcycle thing, it's a people thing. *Well done Dispatch Riders! See you at the air show!*



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Thunder Over Michigan

Red, White and Blue Motorcycle Ride Police Escorted
Saturday July 23rd & Sunday July 24th

In conjunction with Motor City Harley Davidson and the American Red Cross: Southeastern Michigan Chapter

Celebrate 100 Years of Naval Aviation with the US Navy Blue Angels at one of the nation's best air shows.

Staging at 8:00 am depart at 9:30 am from Motor City Harley-Davidson 34900 Grand River Ave. Farmington Hills

Sign in and receive a wristband and patch
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RED, WHITE & BLUE MOTORCYCLE RIDE
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If you are riding your bike to the show this is the best deal going.

EVERY RIDER GETS A SPECIAL WRIST BAND & PATCH

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION AND ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM GO TO THE YANKEE WEB SITE AND CLICK ON EVENTS TO BE LINKED TO THIS PAGE WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION
http://yankeeairmuseum.org/red-white-blue-motorcycle-ride-2011.php

Oral History Department Needs WWII Era Folks To Be Interviewed

The Oral History Department is looking for people who would like to be interviewed for a joint venture between Eastern Michigan University and Yankee Air Museum on August 9, 2011. We need WWII veterans, "Rosie the Riveters", and Bomber Plant employees. Anyone who was on the homefront during WWII would be considered as well. The interviews will be conducted by local teachers and will be submitted to the Library of Congress. They will also be held at the Yankee Air Museum and at EMU. Candidates must be able to travel to Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti for the interview. Wheelchair assistance will be available if anyone needs it. Free parking and a reception for the interviewees and their guests will also be provided. Please contact Debbie Nickell at Debbie.nickell@yankeeairmuseum.org or at 734-718-5148 for more information or to sign up!

From Across the Puddle

Clive Stevens <clivestevens17@yahoo.co.uk>
Subject: Joining the YAM from England

Dear YAM

My name is Clive Stevens, I live in England and I attended last years (2010) Thunder Over Michigan Air Show as a VIP by buying an inclusive package to the show, under the guidance of Ray Nickels. At the show I was also introduced to your Executive Director Randy Hotton, although I do not for one minute expect him to remember me!

My reason for contacting you is that I have recently been in contact with Ray Nickels via e-mail and I would like to join your association. Furthermore, as I live some 3000 miles away from Willow Run, I realize that I cannot 'practically' offer much assistance to your organization in a 'hands-on' capacity when you are looking for volunteers to help polish aircraft at the start of the flying season or man the PX Stand at airshows, but I am wondering if I can offer something to your organization in the form of a UK Contact representative for the YAM and also contribute articles and stories from this side of the pond to your newsletter?

Recently, I have finally edited my many hours of video film from last years Thunder airshow and uploaded it onto YouTube for everyone's viewing enjoyment. I know the Ray Nickels has already distributed the link to the film to some of the YAM members, so apologies if you have already been advised about this. The link however to my You Tube home page (which I am very happy for you to publicize in 'Hangar Happening' is www.youtube.com/user/B17FFlyingFortress

There are two separate video's, so be sure to watch Part 1 first and then Part 2 as they are chronological and follow on from one another. If you enjoy them, then be sure to leave a comment!

I live nearby to the original Eighth Air Force airfield (Ridgewell) where B-17 Yankee Lady would have been based in WWII, if she had indeed seen active service with the 381st Bomb Group, which of course is the unit colors that she wears, adorned with the big Triangle L on the dorsal fin and the red wing tips. This old American airfield of course has not been active since 1945 and has gradually returned to pasture and farmland in the intervening years. But this quiet corner of rural East Anglia still retains a bit of magic and it is not difficult to stand upon the old concrete remains of the old base and see in your minds eye some 85 heavy American bombers gearing up for the mission of the day - A bit like the opening sequences of the film Twelve O' Clock High - In fact, that film sequence could have almost been written for Ridgewell airfield and the 381st Bomb Group.

At 36 years old I am one of the younger generations over here who has been entrusted with the responsibility of keeping the memory alive of the USAAF and Eighth Air Force in England during WWII. Sadly US Veterans Reunions in England are now very rare due to the age of the men involved and even those local people who can vividly remember the sights and sounds of the Mighty Eighth heading off to war are now getting pretty low in numbers - So it is therefore left to like-minded people like myself to keep the memory alive. As a result, I collect WWII USAAF Vehicles and uniforms and at weekends during the summer months, we put on displays and events at appropriate sites of USAAF importance in the region, to ensure that the endeavors of those young combat crews are never far from peoples thoughts. It's something we love doing and is very rewarding with the positive feedback we receive from the general public. I also do regular Radio Interviews with the local BBC radio stations to inform them of our latest upcoming events. (I am including a few pictures of our activities and some of my WWII USAAF vehicles)

If you think that you would be interested in receiving any submissions to the YAM Newsletter from this side of the pond from a new member then I would be very happy to do this. Similarly, as I have also mentioned to Ray Nickels, if you think there would be any interest in organizing a YAM trip to England to tour the famous sites of the Eighth Air Force (including Ridgewell base of course), then I would be very happy to co-ordinate and organize everything from this side of the Atlantic and put a tour/itinerary together for YAM members. This would be undertaken as a not for profit operation, with any proceeds going towards the upkeep of Yankee Lady, which I consider flies as a fantastic memorial to the men who climbed aboard those Fortress bombers for real from English soil in 1943 - 1945.

I hope that you are able to accommodate and have facilities to accept an overseas membership request and I look forward to doing my part for the organization, rather than being a 'sleeping member!'

Kind regards and keep up the good work!

Clive D Stevens

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Thanks Clive, we'll be happy to receive your input to HH from time to time. Your videos are top rate and really capture the spirit of Yankee Air Museum; especially the way you give credit to all the awesome volunteers that help make THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN one of the top air shows on either side of the pond. We'll be visiting you for sure some day.

Editor

Yankee Air Museum Memorial Day Commemoration, Hoofin' It for a Hangar & Red Cross Blood Drive

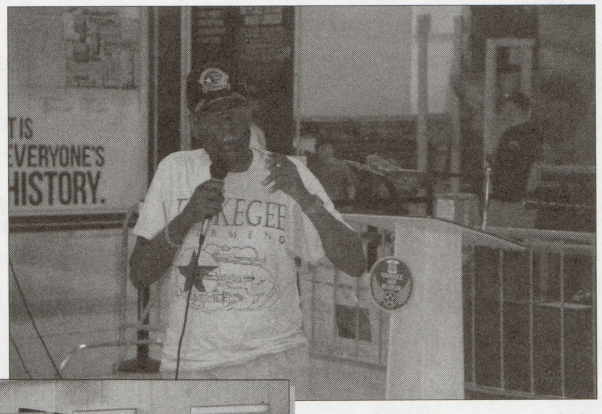
By Tracy Frink

Memorial Day wx was perfect (20 +/- fly-ins on the RAMP, the M-37 was the shuttle) and it was nice to be able to host this event in our new home, The Yankee Air Museum Collections & Exhibits Building! A good thing as the air park after the heavy rains was literally under water.

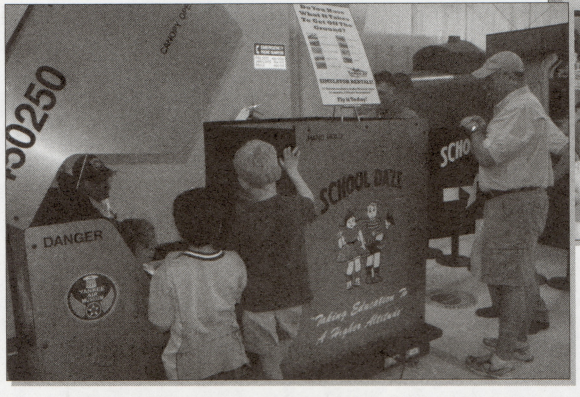
The Second Annual Hoofin' It for a Hangar was a success. Meaghan Graham won the drawing for the ride on the B-17. Shortly after the race began the gates opened for the pancake breakfast and there was a steady stream of people all morning, but no one had to wait long thanks to Sterling Services. All of the pancake mix and sausages were consumed; a first for this event. As a result Yankee posted its first M-Day profit ever (more than $1K). Pete the sausage guy and his team handled making the sausage. Bob Weil took over the coffee team in Al Scotford's place. We know Al was watching from the Yankee Hangar in the clouds. God Bless him. The VIP crew lead by Brian Fowler kept busy making those guests feel special. And Cookie Master, Bette Kenward and team once again provided home-made goodies. The Yankee Edu Dept simulator *SCHOOL DAZE* did a lot of business with future aviators.

Thanks to the Ford Motor Company Chorus for the patriotic tunes. Yankee's own Jonathan Drake sang the National Anthem. The Civil Air Patrol presented the flags and led the crowd outside for the Honor Volley, performed by the Belleville VFW, and the playing of Taps by Yankee's Chuck Huntley. Attendees then enjoyed a great line up of speakers, including Alexander Jefferson of the Tuskegee Airmen.

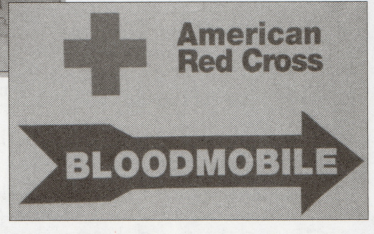
The Red Cross exceeded its goal of 25 units, taking in 29 and said they could have done more had they had more stations. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this event a great success.



Above: Col. Alexander Jefferson of the Tuskegee Airmen. A great story, an outstanding American



Simulator at left and Ford Chorus above.



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Hangar Happenings in Color? HH is NOW online in COLOR on the Yankee web site

Full color masthead is neat

Hangar Happenings is now online in color (colour for Canadians, eh?) for your viewing pleasure. Just go to the Yankee home page, click on Media, then on Hangar Happenings. HH will be posted early in the month so you won't have to keep checking your mailbox to get the latest Yankee information, or wonder when the Postal Service will get it to you. In fact, all the 2011 issues are posted if you want to see what they would have looked like in color. So have a look. Very sharp!

The files can be 4-7 MB depending on how many photos are in the issue, so you need a moderately fast connection or you might need to give it a few minutes to download. Also make sure you have the latest Adobe version. Thanks to **Mike Hudson** for making this possible. We hope to greatly expand the Yankee Photo Gallery (on the same "Media" page) in the future to make it a site where you can spend hours looking at all things Yankee!

BUT NOT TO WORRY! HH will continue to come in the mail as always (eventually) if you do nothing. If you don't get your HH in the mail, contact the membership department at membership@yankeeairmuseum.org or call (734) 483-4030 x 225 as they maintain the membership list. DO NOT contact Hangar Happenings. Membership can check to see if your name is on the mailing list. Sorry to say there are about a dozen people each month who don't receive their HH in the mail. We've never been able to ascertain why. But now with HH being posted online IN COLOR, you can get it there, the first of every month no matter where you live.

If you would prefer NOT to receive HH in the mail, thereby saving the Museum printing and mailing costs, send an email to membership@yankeeairmuseum.org with HH online in the subject line, and your name and address in the email so they may remove you from the HH mailing data base. Then enjoy HH in color anywhere in the world.

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Yankee Photo Gallery

Here's the link to the Yankee Photo Gallery maintained by Dwight Koslowski. The latest HH images in **COLOR** are there along with thousands of other Yankee and Yankee related photos.

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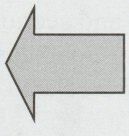

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2011 C-47 EXCURSION SCHEDULE

With acquisition of hangar space at DTW, flights will originate there or YIP

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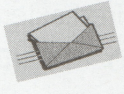

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Wednesday	July 6	Three Museums at DeKalb County Airport, Auburn, IN**	$140.00
Wednesday	July 13	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
M -T- W	July 25-26-27	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00*
Thursday	July 28	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00
Saturday	July 30	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00 !
Tuesday	August 9	Mackinac Island	$280.00
Wednesday	August 10	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Friday	August 12	National Museum of the USAF (Behind the Scenes Restoration Tour)	$225.00
Tuesday	August 23	Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport, OH USS Cod submarine, Great Lakes freighter tour, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, IWASM (In'tl Women's Aviation and Space Museum)	$130.00
Saturday	September 10	Jackson Airport, MI (for lunch)#	$70.00
Wednesday	September 21	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Fri. - Sun.	September 23-25	Lee Bottom, IN (Wood, Fabric and Tail-dragger Fly-in)	$380.00

* Call for additional costs: 734-546-8002
** Hoosier Air Museum, WWII Victory Museum and Auburn-Cord-Dusenberg Museum
*** Includes $35 Airshow Admission Fee
# Depart 11:15 AM; enjoy the comradery over a leisurely lunch (not included) and head back to the hangar
! Indicates this trip has sold at least 10 seats and is confirmed as going

\+ www.yankeeairmuseum.org Links on the web excursion page provide more information about your destination

RESTORATION REVIEW - Russ Banush

GENERAL NEWS

We are getting encouraging comments from fellow volunteers and Yankee staff regarding the progress that is evident in the bay! This is important to us because it is thrilling to have one's peers acknowledge the effort put forth to make our display pieces interesting to our visitors. Please keep it up!

PB4Y-2 PRIVATEER

Until this month all the work being done in restoring the Navy airplane that resides in the air park has been behind the scenes. Why? Because the crew has been working in T-Hangar F6, and the kind of work in which they have been engaged is not as glamorous as some of the work going on in the HQ bay. Removing, cleaning and repairing the turret components for the front and rear of the Privateer is necessary, but it does not lend itself to be of interest to visitors. That has changed dramatically.

The port side (i.e., left side) elevator that was removed last fall was brought over to HQ so the necessary work could be done for preservation and display. Wild life had made a home in sections between the ribs; they have a knack for getting into the smallest openings and building their nests. Sections of fabric had to be removed along with the debris. Under the SPAD crew's Bill Rodgers' tutoring and Chris Curran's help, Ken Nelson and Doug Imlach learned how to replace the fabric. The elevator got the required coats of primer, etc. and two finish coats of the US Navy's glossy Dark Sea Blue were applied. This is the official paint used late in World War 2 and thereafter for the Navy airplanes. Tyler McMannon and Ron Stobierski were on hand to help with the painting. Inside the building it looks black, but when in natural light it is beautiful dark blue. The Erco nose turret that is in the T Hangar has also been painted thanks to Dave Nowak, Hank Grudzien, Roger Peterson and John Marker. The ball has been inserted into its shell!

B-24 PROJECT

More sheet metal work is being done in the restoration and rebuilding process. The Willow Run built mid-section required extensive sheet metal replacement.

HUEY PROJECT

Our helicopter display is a knockout! It was cleaned up and finished to represent the Huey that was flown in Viet Nam by pilot Jerry Towler who had a hand in the process. Others to thank for their work include Bob Catalano, Tony Pequeno, Johnny Hassan, Bob Hassan and Bob Campbell. The Pilot mannequin is very realistic, and the replica weapons that can be viewed set this off as a "mission ready" tribute to the era. The finished product was unveiled at the Huey Happening May 21st. See article elsewhere in this issue of HH.

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If you are a chamber member within 70 miles or so of Yankee Air Museum, the PR Department would like to have you contact them. Part of PR's mission is to reach out to Chambers in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. They want to know who you are. Contact Bob Hynes, bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org

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JULY

Wed July 6th — General Membership meeting program - California Capitol Airshow, Sacramento 2010, A Gathering of P-38's. Drano

Saturday 9th — **Air Show Volunteer Mass Briefing** - 1pm Yankee HQ
Air show volunteers must attend this briefing to get the latest info about helping to make this another great event from air show director **Kevin Walsh.** T-Shirts and wrist bands will be handed out. Check with your department head for your options if you absolutely cannot be there.

Saturday 23rd
Sunday 24th

AUGUST

Wednesday 3rd — General Membership meeting program - SAR in Vietnam, Ray Hunter

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 27th — YANKEE AIR MUSEUM GOLF WAR - Selfridge ANGB, golf scramble fund raise for Yankee Air Museum. B-17 ride drawing. Details page 5.

OCTOBER

Saturday 8th — Yankee Air Museum Annual Gala. Save the date.

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